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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
Hajime SUDA

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Application No.: 10/721,785

Group Art Unit: 2621

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Examiner: ZHAO, Daquan

Title: INFORMATION RECORDING AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2008, the period for reply being August 21, 2008, Applicants hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to an information recording and playback apparatus which records or plays back information, comprising: received means for receiving a recording programming mail from the outside, the recording programming mail containing programming contents; and entering means for entering a recording programming in accordance with the programming contents obtained by the receive means. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper as the criteria for a proper restriction requirement set forth in MPEP § 803 has not been satisfied. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the no serious burden exists to search and examine the entire application and that Applicants believe claims 1-4 describe a recording programming related to the method of claims 5-11. It is

respectfully noted that the entire application has already been searched and examined.
See MPEP § 811.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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